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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed September 6, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments set forth in this Amendment and Response to Office Action ("Response").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.